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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--~~The invention relates to a~~ A method for producing an annular element comprising having an inner toothing, especially a sliding sleeve. An outlet ring element {10} can be arranged in an extrusion device {90} which comprises includes an annular matrix element {13} with an inner bore hole {12}, a sleeve stamping device which is arranged therein and comprises has-a first {15} and second {17} annular sleeve stamping element elements which can be moved in relation to each other in the inner bore hole {12}, and an inner stamping device comprising having a first {19} and second {21} inner stamping element elements and first {27"} and second {27"} partial regions which are interspaced in the circumferential direction. When the inner stamping device is closed, said the partial regions form cavities {27} for producing the inner toothing. The outlet ring element {10} is arranged between the first and second inner stamping elements {19, 21} and is measured in such a way that when closing the sleeve stamping device, material from the outlet ring element {10} flows into the cavities {27} for the formation of the inner toothing. ~~The invention also relates to a device for carrying out the method.~~--